



# Springfield School Newsletter

## February 2018

### Head Teacher's News



This first half of the Spring Term has been a busy one despite being so short. It seems strange that it is already half term next week.

We have said goodbye to Lisa Benson and teacher Louise Jones has now gone on maternity leave so we wish her well and look forward to hearing her news. We are also saying goodbye to TA Millie Larney at half term as she ventures off to work for Renault. Congratulations to Kerri-Anne Howard on the birth of her son Elliot in January.

We have amazing volunteers coming into the School to support classes with a wide range of activities and we are so grateful for their support. Unfortunately we are in a financial climate where we need to rely more on volunteers to enable us to continue some activities such as swimming and going into the community to access different facilities. As a School we believe very strongly in the curriculum we offer and we are as disappointed as pupils and parents when some activities cannot take place. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer then please contact one of our Senior TAs Jo Donohoe on 01993 703963. Volunteers make such a difference to us.

*Emma*



**The Values for after  
half term are  
Aspiration and  
Self-Belief**

## Who are the Friends of Springfield School [FoSS]

Parents, staff and governors are automatically included as a Friend of Springfield School. A Friend of Springfield School is also anyone who supports the school either on a voluntary basis of by fundraising / offering financial support.

The Friends Committee is a group of supporters who:-

1. provide financial support to Springfield School to enhance the educational experiences of the pupils as a registered charity,
2. organise events that provide social opportunities for the families and the chance to develop mutual support
3. raise the profile of the School and special needs in the local community.

**It's also a great way to be involved with the school and meet other parents.**

We had the AGM in January and the main focus for the committee this year is to look at how we can offer more family events and continue fundraising for vital resources. We said goodbye and a big thank you to Jane Mytton who has been a longstanding and valued member of the committee

It is an exciting time to support the committee. You do not need to attend every meeting but we would love some more help. We want to finalise the events for the year and you may have the idea that we have not thought of yet!!!

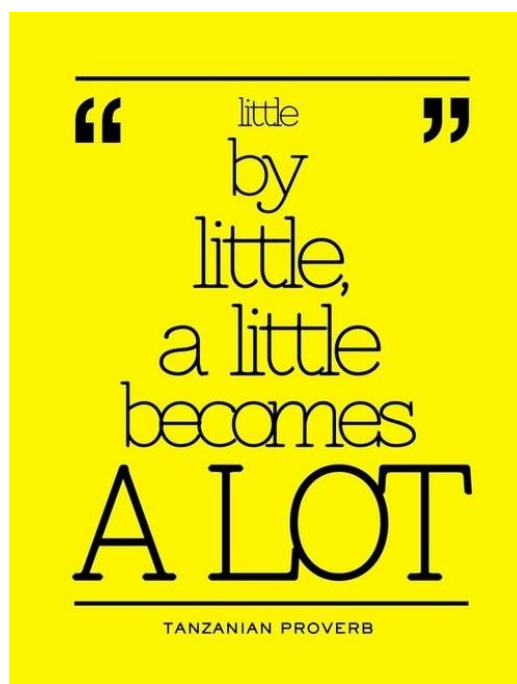
Depending on the event you might be able to help with things such as:-

- designing the poster
  - sending out invites
  - planning the event
  - getting the snacks
  - making the cups of tea
  - wrapping the lucky dip prizes
  - finding a quiz master
  - getting raffle prizes
  - bringing your family along
  - counting the money
- and so much more .....

As the quote indicates, we do not need you to do a lot on your own but we need lots of people to do a little.

Some staff have already said they are willing to offer support which is great and we all would like some new parent support to help us keep this amazing committee going.

**Our next 'Friends' meeting is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm at The Windrush Pub in Witney**



# Transport

For those pupils who have transport provided by the Local Authority [LA], we appreciate how frustrating it can be to resolve some queries. The majority of transport runs smoothly with very good drivers and escorts.

We are very fortunate at the moment that one of our Senior TAs Carol Willoughby continues to liaise with parents and the Local Authority regarding transport concerns and we need to make sure this works as effectively as possible.

We are not able to make decisions regarding transport but will raise any of our own concerns and support concerns of parents when we can.

- If you have a concern about transport **that affects whether your child travels on transport that day**, then please phone the WG site office [706662] and leave an urgent message for Carol and phone your child's transport operator and / or the transport team at the LA on 01865 323795.
- If there is a specific concern about your child's transport then please call the provider to try and resolve this or to make your complaint.
- If **there is a concern that you want support with** then please can you email the details to our WG office on [swg.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:swg.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk) and Denise [Admin] will liaise with Carol and one of them will speak to you. We have found it better to have information in writing so then sometimes Carol can get an answer before she calls you back.
- Please **email any queries / concerns / complaints to the transport department** and copy the school in to the message. We have found it is essential to have an email trail so that we can be clear on concerns raised and how they are resolved. The email is

[EE-SpecialEducationalNeedsITU@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:EE-SpecialEducationalNeedsITU@Oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## E-Safety

At Springfield School we are committed to promoting e-safety and helping our pupils enjoy using the internet, social media and online games as safely as possible.

We use the schools resources provided by Parent Info (a collaborative project between Parent Zone and CEOP).

For further information please go to: [www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)

Or visit CEOP at: [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)

Or Parentzone at: [www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)

There are also some Parentzone Articles on our website under 'Families' – 'Useful Links'.



## Dates for your diary

- ★ **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018** - Finish for Half Term
- ★ **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018** - Start of second half of Spring Term
- ★ **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018** - Book Week at the Primary Site
- ★ **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018** - Friends [FoSS] meeting 7.00pm
- ★ **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018** - FoSS Brewery Tour
- ★ **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018** - Parents'/Carers' Evening  
[not for most Years 6 and 9 as Annual Reviews just after Easter]
- ★ **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018** - Finish for Easter
- ★ **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018** - start of Summer Term
- ★ **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018** - May Bank Holiday – School closed
- ★ **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018** - Finish for May Half Term Break
- ★ **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018** - Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Summer Term
- ★ **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018** - Finish for the Summer holidays

There is an events calendar and full term dates on our website.  
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